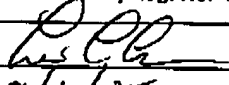
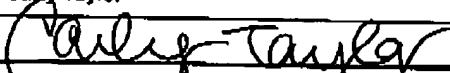


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**In the Specification**

Page 18, lines 9-18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

--With reference again to Fig. 4, after segmentation, the segmented sentence is passed a natural language parser 410 412 and a keyword module 412 410. The parser 410 412 attempts to parse the segmented sentence according to a set of rules found in a rule database 414 416. If a sentence parses successfully, the parsing module 412 412 outputs a parse tree. If parsing is unsuccessful, the keyword unit 412 410 uses a word database 416 414 to extract and output keywords from the segmented sentence. As shown in Fig. 2, the parse tree and keywords are passed to the FAQ matcher 144 and the keywords are passed to the keyword-based component 146. Accordingly, the architecture 140 allows